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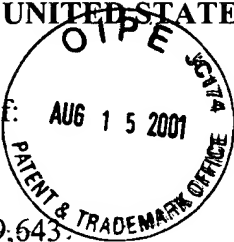
In re application of:

Fisher *et al.*

Appl. No. 09/619,643

Filed: July 19, 2000

For: **Nucleic Acid Molecules and Other
Molecules-Associated with Plants**



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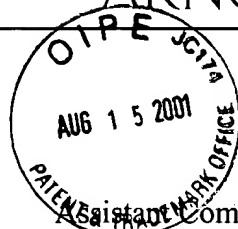
Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 16, 2001 (PTO Prosecution File Wrapper Paper No. 8), Applicants submit the following Amendment and Remarks.

It is not believed that extensions of time are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of the application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-1824 referencing matter number 38-21(51230)B.

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Re: U.S. Non-Provisional Application No.: 09/619,643
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Inventor: Fisher, *et al.*
Title: Nucleic Acid Molecules and Other Molecules
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Sir:

The following documents are forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S.
Patent and Trademark Office:

1. Amendment and Response Under 37 C.F.R. §1.111; and
2. return postcard.

Applicants do not believe that any fees are due in the above-referenced application. However, the U.S. Patent Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 50-1824 under our reference number 38-21(51230)B.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the filing date of these documents and returned to our courier.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "JSC" or similar, written over the typed name of David R. Marsh.

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